



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: California Department of Social Services, Housing and Disability Advocacy Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$414,188 from California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$414,188 from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Housing Bureau to fund Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) services 100% State funds. There is a required 1:1 cash or in-kind match which employment and Human Services (EHSD) Adult & Aging Services Bureau will draw from Contra Costa Health Services, Health, Housing and Homelessness (H3) service funds.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/22/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: September 22, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres
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cc:

BACKGROUND:

The goals of the HDAP are to provide outreach, benefits advocacy, housing subsidies, and case management to house homeless individuals who are assessed as having potential eligibility to any of the SSI/SSDI, veterans, or CAPI benefits. The housing assistance includes help with housing navigation, housing case management, and housing subsidies throughout HDAP participation. Both interim and permanent supportive housing will be sought for program participants. Grant funding to be used for:

1. Conduct outreach activities that actively seek out potentially eligible HDAP clients.
2. Provide intensive case management services to coordinate multiple HDAP service components including outreach, disability advocacy, and housing assistance.
3. Establish and expand housing navigation and placements for program participants served by HDAP, from the point of outreach engagement through the disability income application determination client is placed in stabilized permanent housing.
4. Provide benefits advocacy services for SSI/SSP, Social Security Disability Benefits (SSDI), Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), veterans benefits, and other disability benefit programs.

EHSD's Aging & Adult Services will partner with Contra Costa Health Services, Health, Housing & Homelessness Services (H3) and contracted partners to deliver the housing prevention and interventions outlined in the proposal application to CDSS Housing Bureau. Additional partners may be identified and added as needed.

Pros and cons of request:

Pros:

- Leverages existing Coordinated Entry services and housing partners to address gaps in services for SSI eligible individuals
- Focuses on providing integrated services to support homeless individuals from the point of outreach and engagement through housing stability and disability benefits determination
- Builds upon existing partnerships between local agencies including local homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC), housing partners, health services, behavioral health care, and SSI advocacy services.

Cons:

- Sustainability of program funding beyond end of grant term, June 30, 2021

The California Department of Social Services issued the county allocation for HDAP FY 2020-2021 through a AWWDL (All County Welfare Directors Letter) August 10, 2020 which falls after the start of the fiscal year and thus retroactive to July 1, 2020.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, the community will continue to face an increasing number of chronically homeless clients who do not have access to housing subsidies and after care to remain stably housed.